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intensive patrolling by the Police and Army; deployment of additional 27 coys, of CRPF in Assam since December, 2000; imposition of curfew in a belt of 5-10 Kms. along the international borders depending upon local conditions etc. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Non-Registration of Christian and Muslim SCs in Census 2001

2765. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Christian and Muslim SCs cannot register their community in the on-going census;
- (b) whether it is also true that only Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu religion are contained in the census form with regard to SC category;
- (c) if so, the reasons for deletion of Muslims and Christians; and
- (d) what immediate measures Government are going to take to rectify this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) At the Census of India, 2001, the Scheduled Caste population in each State and Union territory was enumerated in accordance with the constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended from time to time. As per this Presidential Order, the Scheduled Caste can be amongst Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists only. As such the persons belonging to other religions including Christians and Muslims cannot be recorded as Scheduled Castes. The procedure to enumerate the Scheduled Caste population followed at the Census of India, 2001 was the same as followed at the earlier censuses and in accordance with the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, therefore the question of taking any measure to rectify the same does not arise.

Changing Ratio of Population in North-East

† 2766. SHRI B.P. APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.